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**MINUTES**  
**HIPLA BOARD MEETING**  
**JUNE 17, 2008**

Those in attendance –

Marcella Watkins  
Al Riddle (telecon)  
Steven Spears  
Michael Locklar  
Paul Morico  
Carey Jordan  
Georgianna Witt Braden  
Randy Furlong  
Shane Nelson (telecon)

**1. Approval of Minutes of previous two meetings**

Witt moved for acceptance; Jordan seconded. All approved.

**2. Treasurer's Report**

The bank balance as of 1 June 2008 was \$150,217.57. Checks written since June 1 totaled approximately \$13,000.

**3. Committee Reports**

Marcella has asked all committee chairs to report to her whether they would like to add people their committees. She is considering sending a request for committee members, if more participants are desired.

- **Entertainment**

Shane Nelson reported that there were about 75 participants in this year's golf tournament. There was one last sponsor left to pay for the tournament to break even. The underwriting issue from last year has not been resolved, but they are working on it.

Shane also looked into holding HIPLA receptions at local museums. Some would require that HIPLA be a museum sponsor before holding a reception. The Museum of Natural Science would not require sponsorship. Georgianna will look into some art galleries closer to downtown.

- **Membership**

As of the June 16, 716 memberships were set to expire on June 30. Steven Spears was to send (and did send) an e-mail to the HIPLA members whose membership was expiring, telling them about the pending expiration.

- **Lunches**

We will not have a lunch in July. It was discussed how to respond to Smith & Wolensky's offer to hold five lunches this year for a reduced fee. We could do any mixture of food, but would be limited to 6 oz. cuts of meat. The feedback when the option was discussed informally with the membership at the last lunch was luke warm, however the savings would be about \$5,000 per year. Shawn will be asked to discuss various options with Smith & Wolensky's, such as doing six lunches over two years, instead.

**4. Old Business**

- The vote at the last HIPLA lunch was to raise the yearly dues to \$75 per year. This has been implemented on the website.

**5. New Business**

- Howard Speight inquired if, as delegate to the U.S. Bar EPO Liaison Committee, he should attend the annual meeting in the Hague in November. He does not yet have an agenda. We paid for him to go last year, costing about \$1,500. This was tabled until the next meeting at which we hope to have a program for the meeting. It was proposed that Howard give a lunch presentation if he goes this year.
- Marcella attended a Houston bar leadership meeting at which HYL A and HBA websites were discussed as listing numerous pro bono opportunities. Mike Locklar will look into this, and the possibility to include a link on the HIPLA website.

**6. Next Board Meeting date** – August 19, 2008 at Baker & Botts. Jordan moved for adjournment and Witt seconded. Adjourned at 5:50.